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Late 18th-Early 20th centuries

Lock #25 & Lock Keeper's House at C&O Canal

Terminus of Edwards Ferry Road, Poolesville

Federal

The Lockhouse at Edward's Ferry is a 1 1/2-story, three bay brick structure on a stone foundation. The walls are constructed of five-course common bond; the openings are carried by flat brick arches. The north and south end walls have flush gable chimneys with three courses of projecting bricks serving as the chimney caps. On the rear (west) facade, the basement is exposed; access is through two ground-level doors, the lintels of which are flush with the top of the stone foundation walls. The ruins of a second, smaller house—a large chimney and partial foundation walls—stand to the west of the main house. A late 19th or early 20th century photograph, on display at the west end of the parking lot on site, depicts several outbuildings, including what appears to be a barn to the southwest of the house, and a smaller frame building between the house and the lock. Southeast of the house is C&O Canal Lock 25, constructed of red Seneca sandstone. A bridge crosses the lock, leading to the Edwards Ferry landing west of the complex, now used for recreational purposes.

The Potomac River is calm and narrow here, making it an ideal location for a ferry crossing. In 1791, Edwards Ferry began to operate here, connecting Maryland farmers to the Goose Creek Canal in Virginia and to Leesburg markets. The ferry closed in 1836 but the community that grew around it continued, carrying on the name. Over time, a general store, a warehouse, and 36 residents composed the Edwards Ferry community. With the coming of the C&O Canal, the small village prospered from the increase in commerce. During the

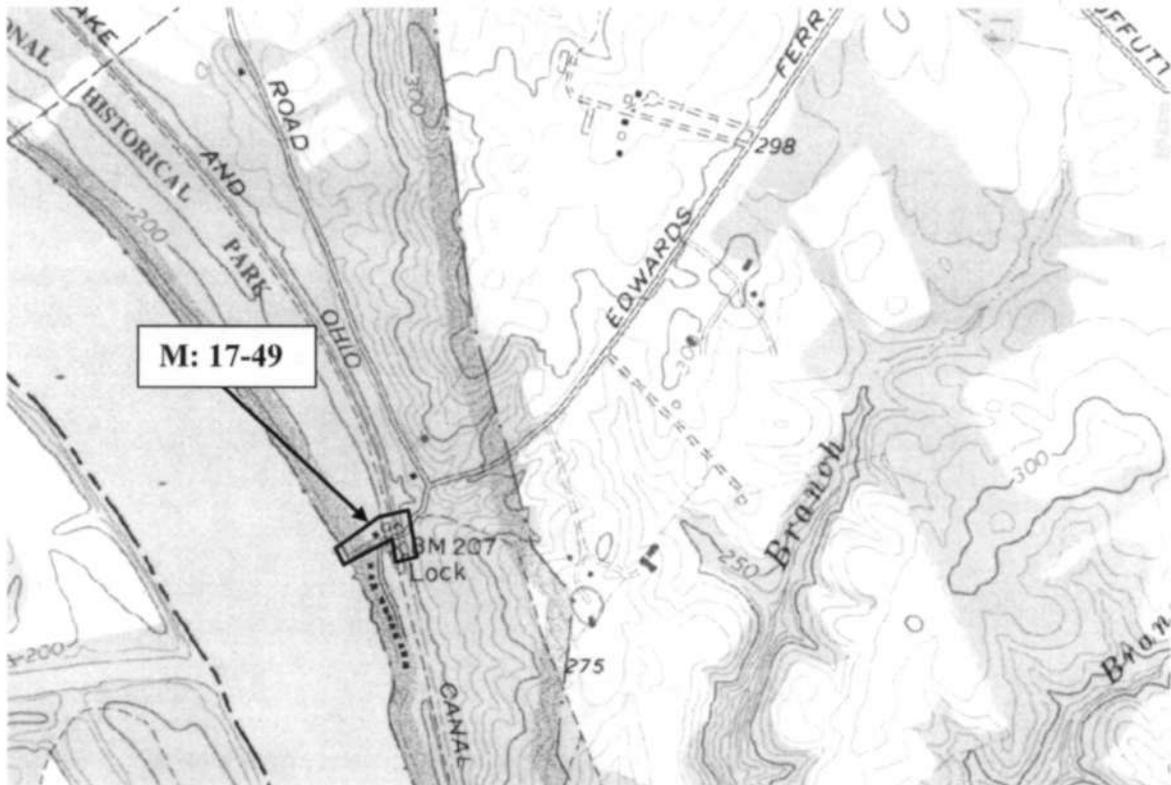
Civil War, Edwards Ferry connected Union Maryland with Confederate Virginia. Harper's Weekly depicted Union troops passing through Edward's Ferry. A copy of this lithograph appears on Park Service signage at the site. The crossing was guarded by Union troops throughout the war. In October of 1861, a Union unit crossed during the Battle of Ball's Bluff, but did not participate. From December 1861 to March 1862, the base of the balloon operations of Thaddeus Lowe was located here. In June 1863 the Union Army crossed here over twin pontoon bridges on the way to Gettysburg. Rebel raiders crossed here in August 1863, July 1864, and February 1865, damaging the canal and Union equipment.

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Sterling quadrangle



Microsoft Live Earth images, c. 2007 (Aerial and Birds Eye views)



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Jennifer K. Cosham, 3 November 2007
Lockhouse, Southeast elevation



Lockhouse, Northeast elevation

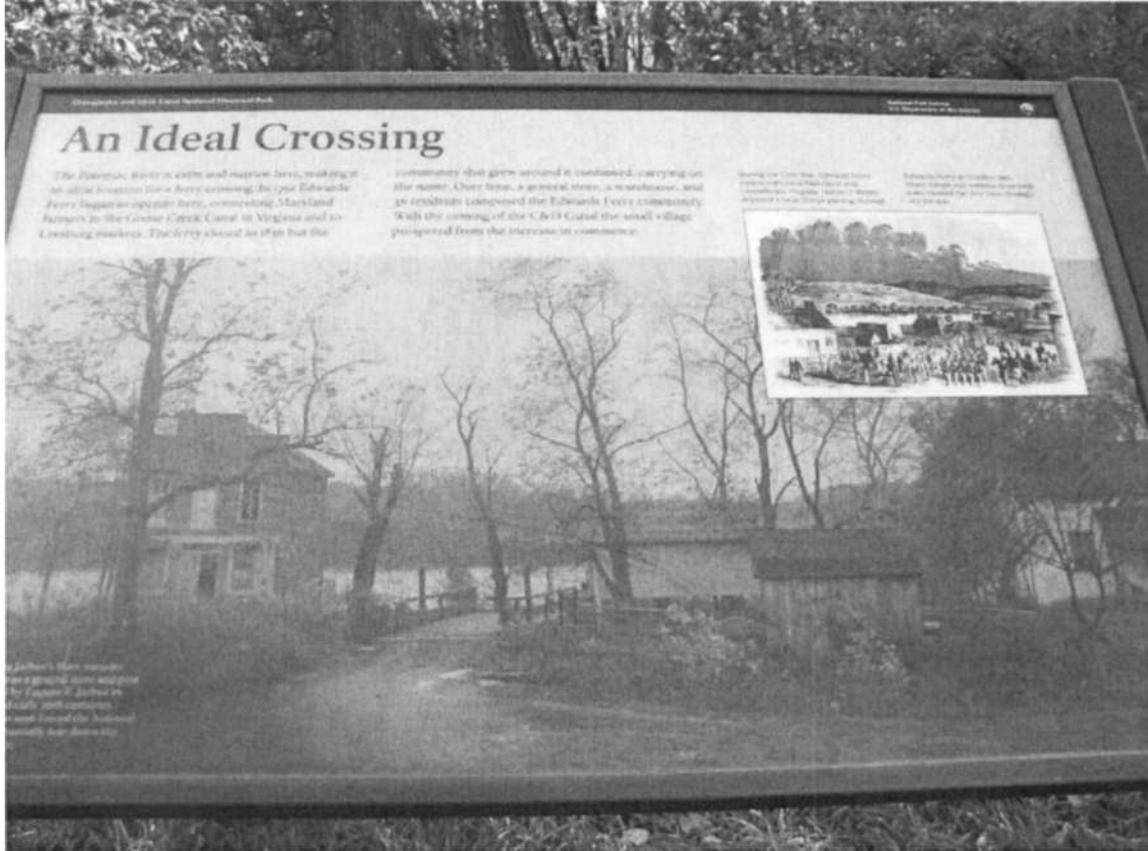


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National Park Service sign depicting historic photograph and lithograph



Lock #25, facing southeast



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Partial foundation and chimney west of Lockhouse



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Concrete ramp at ferry landing location, Potomac shore, west of complex



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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

*. NAME COMMOFJ:

AND/OR HISTORIC:

C & O Canal - Lock House No. 25

1 LOCATION

STREET I'LC NUMBER:

Edward's Ferry Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Poolesville

COUNTY:

Maryland

Montgomery

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One/), OWNERSHIP, STATUS, ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. Includes options like District, Building, Public, Site, Structure, Object, etc.

PRESENT USE (Check One or More *» Appropriate)

1-1 Agricultural, 1-1 Government (ft Park), 3 Commercial, Q Industrial, f-1 Educational, D Military, f-1 Entertainment, L-1 Museum, -1 Scientific, J- CT Transportation, f-i Comments.

4. OWNER OF PPO6RTY

OWNER'S NAME:

National Park Service, U.S. Dept. of the Interior

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington, DC

5. LOCATKnr6>~rE"0A"rDESCRIPTION*~

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEOS, ETC:

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Rockville

Maryland

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V' REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:

1936

Federal • Stote • County [j Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

10 1st Street SE

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington, DC

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PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate.)

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| • 15th Century | D 17th Century | @T 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATEs (If Applicable and Known)

• **REAS OF SIGNIFICANCE** (Check One or More as Appropriate;

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| Aboriginal | Q Education | Q Political | Q Urban Planning |
| • Prehistoric | Q Engineering | Q Religion/Philosophy _____ | • Other (Specify) |
| D Historic | Q Industry | [-] Science _____ | |
| • Agriculture | f-j Invention | Q Sculpture _____ | |
| • Architecture | f-j Landscape | Q Social/Humanitarian _____ | |
| D "A" | Architecture | Q Theater _____ | |
| • Commerce | Q Literature | p Trompe l'oeil _____ | |
| • Communications | Q Military | | |
| D Conservation | Q Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

[9. MAJOR BENCHMARK REFERENCES

10- GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW						
NE						
SE						
SW						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY
OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES
COUNTY

COUNTY:

COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY
NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

MNCPPC

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

Maryland

DATE

3 Oct. 1973

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is

National State Local

Signature



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NAME C&D CANAL, LOCK 25, LOCK KEEPERS HOUSE - EDWARDS FERRY
LOCATION EDWARDS FERRY Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md.
FACADE S.E.
PHOTO TAKEN 10/3/73 M. DWYER



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LOCATION EDWARDS FERRY Rd POOLESVILLE, MD
FACADE LOOKING S.
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EDWARD'S FERRY

THIS CROSSING WAS GUARDED BY UNION TROOPS DURING THE CIVIL WAR. IN OCTOBER, 1861, UNION TROOPS CROSSED HERE DURING THE BALL'S BLUFF OPERATION, BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE BATTLE. IN JUNE, 1863, THE MAJOR PART OF THE UNION ARMY CROSSED HERE ON THE WAY TO GETTYSBURG, PA.

MARYLAND CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

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NAME EDWARDS FERRY HISTORICAL MARKER

LOCATION EDWARDS FERRY Rd. & RIVER Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md.

FACADE W.

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